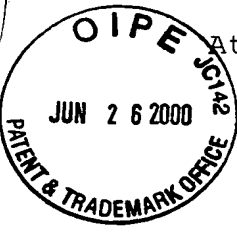


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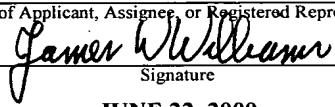
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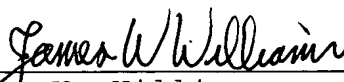
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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A) 10-091640 (NEC COMMUN SYST LTD), published April 10, 1998.

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